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Applicants also wish to make the Examiner aware of the co-pending patent application U.S. Patent App. No.09/687,151, filed October 12, 2000, Applicant Starz

Entertainment Group, Attorney Docket No. 019281-000600US and abandoned patent application U.S. Patent App. No. 09/687,877, filed October 12, 2000, Applicant Starz Entertainment Group, Attorney Docket No. 019281-001300US. The cited U.S. applications are not enclosed in accordance with the Patent Office "Waiver of the Copy Requirement in 37 CFR 1.98 for Cited Pending U.S. Patent Applications" issued October 19, 2004 in the Official Gazette, which states as follows: "...the requirement in 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii) for a legible copy of the specification, including the claims, and drawings of each cited pending U.S. patent application (or portion of the application which caused it to be listed) is sua sponte waived where the cited pending application is stored in the USPTO's IFW system. See 37 CFR 1.183." In accordance with this waiver, the specifications, drawings and claims for each of these applications are not enclosed as they are stored in the IFW system.

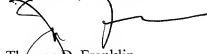
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Respectfully submitted,



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